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Saipan and Nassau ARGs to visit Rota

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The Saipan Amphibious Ready Group will be in port for turnover with the Nassau ARG next week, before returning to Norfolk, Va.

The Nassau ARG will be in port sometime in mid-December as they begin their six-month deployment.

This will be the first time the ARGs will be in port since the installation of the new Navy Federal Credit Union ATM at the port and the opening of the partially completed Fleet Recreation Center.

The Saipan ARG is made up of approximately 1,700 Sailors and 1,900 Marines stationed aboard USS

Saipan (LHA 2), USS Austin (LPD 4), and USS Ashland (LSD 48).

Saipan relieved the Wasp ARG about five months ago and has been conducting presence operations in the Adriatic Sea and off the coast of Israel, said Lt. Jennifer C. Kidd, public affairs officer, COMPHIBRON FOUR.

The ARG Sailors and Marines also participated in Exercises Royal Sierra, Atlas Hinge, Croatian PHIBLEX, Destined Glory, Slunj, and Royal Graduate.

The Nassau ARG has about the same number of personnel embarked aboard USS Nassau (LHA 4), USS Nashville LPD 13), and USS Port-

land (LSD 37) and will be in Rota mid December after transiting the Atlantic.

Spending cash will be easily accessible for the ARGs at the new portside NFCU ATM. NFCU personnel will be on call to restock or repair the portside ATM and the NFCU ATMs as needed for the duration of the ARG visits, said Margo Wood, NFCU director. It is likely that NFCU personnel will also go to the ships to sign up new members, she said.

The NEX Main Exchange and Sight and Sound are extending shop-

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photo courtesy/USN SAIPAN

Nearly 1,700 Sailors and 1,900 Marines are embarked aboard the three ships of the Saipan Amphibious Ready Group, USS Saipan (LHA 2), USS Austin (LPD 4), USS Ashland (LSD 48).



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Facing a new day, new challenges

As the days of winter grow longer, Tracye Parker and her four-year-old son Kylen pause at the Child Development Center to take in the sunrise. Kylen is one of the CDC performers that will entertain at the MWR Stocking Stuffer event Saturday. The three to five-year-olds will sing traditional holiday tunes in both Spanish and English in the ballroom at Reflections from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Debit card pilot program being tested at MWR

JO3 Ricky Allen
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In a pilot program being tested here, MWR's Champions Sports Club and Reflections Restaurant are now accepting debit cards.



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"This is a pilot program right now. We are the only place in Europe that is trying the idea. There is one in Asia and a few in the U.S.," said Chip Kriesman, hospitality director, MWR, Naval Station, Rota.

The service, said Kriesman, will have its advantages and disadvantages. Customers can now use the debit card and withdraw as much money as they want.

However, the check-cashing limit, which was \$100, will now decrease to \$25 a day. Writing checks for purchases will not be effected.

Kriesman added there is a 50 cents service charge for each debit card transaction involving cash withdrawal.

"The mission is not to become a bank, but just to provide more service to customers," Kriesman said.

According to Margo Wood, manager, Navy Federal Credit Union, using debit cards seems to be more conve-

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WEATHER

This forecast was created on Tuesday. For the latest update, visit nemoc.navy.mil



THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 65 Low: 51



FRIDAY
Rain Showers
High: 65 Low: 51



SATURDAY
Rain Showers
High: 61 Low: 48



SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 65 Low: 47

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**Stocking
Stuffer**
Holiday Festival 2000
FRIDAY SATURDAY
6 - 8 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
REFLECTIONS



Spirit of giving, Hay Motivo opening

Our community continues to support its people through the spirit of giving.

For the Thanksgiving season the base Girl Scouts joined forces with the Boy Scouts, OCSC, the Chapel, and other local entities to provide food baskets to families in need of some assistance.

The group headed by Tuane Litchen-Pifer provided a total of 51 baskets full of seasonal goodies. Their efforts helped to make Thanksgiving more enjoyable for those families. Thank you all very much for your kindness.

Another event that took place in the community was the opening of the newly renovated HAY MOTIVO. Capt. Noble and VADM Sanchez-Barriga were present to conduct the ribbon cutting.

Over 150 people were on hand enjoying the



festivities and admiring the great work performed by the Seabees of NMCB Det 133.

This facility truly helps to improve relations between the Spanish and U.S. Navies, I recommend you stop by during the social hours to enjoy the camaraderie and sample the tapas.

The social hours are now scheduled on alternating Fridays, one session for Officers and one for Chiefs. Civilian equivalents are also invited to participate.



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Serving the Sailors

Capt. Richard Noble, COMNAVACTS Spain, his wife Linda, daughter Lisa, and son John, serve the community Thanksgiving dinner at the galley Nov. 23. Four-hundred meals were served at the Galley this Thanksgiving.

Tell us what you think

Rota Coastline welcomes your comments on Letters to the Editor, stories and features published in the newspaper. We also welcome letters on topics of importance to the local community. All letters must be signed, but, Rota Coastline will withhold names from publication if requested. We reserve the right to edit letters for length.

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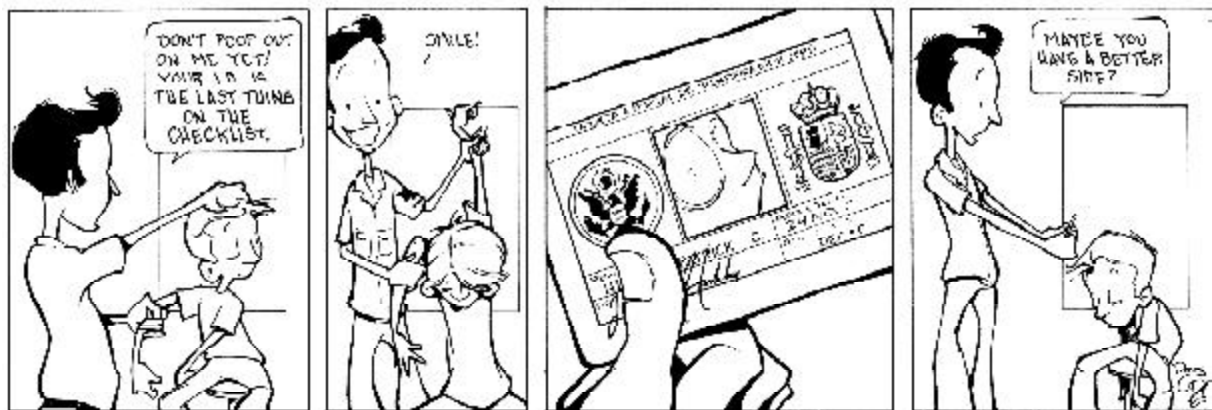
Please extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to galley management staff and crew for making me feel at home on Nov. 23, 2000.

For the "Hired Hands" Volunteer Servers thank you for taking time out from your family and friends to extend a hand to your extended military family. May the spirit of Thanksgiving last every day of the year. Nothing but the best from the best, thank you again.

-Jose Soto
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Rota Sailors to be able to access pay accounts online

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The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has developed a system that will give Sailors direct access to their pay accounts.

DFAS recently mailed out temporary PIN numbers that will provide access to the Employee/Member Self Service, or EMSS, site online.

The online site will give Sailors control of their direct deposit accounts and will enable them to make changes to their Federal Tax withholding status from their computer, said DKC(SW/AW) Sonny Acosta, disbursing chief at the Personnel Support Detachment, Rota.

"Next year, Sailors will be able to view their Leave and

Earning Statement online; start, stop and change allotments; Savings Bond accounts and make changes to their state income tax withholding status," said Acosta.

"It's going to be very convenient for every Sailor, and it'll save them time from waiting in line at PSD's customer service."

Much of these services are already available to Marines, DoD civilians and retirees. DFAS has been slowly expanding the EMSS customer base and expects to have all the services online by Spring 2001.

"We're heading to a fully automated, interactive service," said Acosta. "The accountability will now be on the member instead of the DK [Navy disbursing clerk] who used to input that data for you."

Although the new system is designed to replace the need for PSDs to make routine pay changes in Sailors' accounts, EMSS is a voluntary service, and customers who prefer to continue making pay changes at PSD will be able to do.

"For PSD, this means we'll probably be seeing less customers," said Acosta. "This will not, however, stop our ability to service your account."

The required start-up PIN was mailed to Sailors in November.

Once Sailors receive their PIN number in the mail, they'll be able to access the web site at www.dfas.mil/emss.

Menus will then guide the customer through the desired transactions.

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ping hours next week: Monday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

These extra hours will allow the ARG Sailors and Marines a chance for some shopping before their return trip across the Atlantic to Norfolk, Va. for the holidays.

The MWR Fleet Recreation Center is providing several services to the fleet, said Bill Bray, MWR Recreation Director. The center will be operating a snack bar, lounge area with a ping-pong table, pool table, foosball table, and a mini-theater, he said. AT&T representatives will be on-hand with long-distance telephone services.

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nient for customers.

"If you write a check, it takes a while for the check to clear your account about three to six weeks. If you use the debit card, it comes out of your account automatically. Your account will be debited right away, but you have to have the funds because it is coming out of your checking account."

For many users of the debit

card, such as Linda Bonner, Asst. Manager, Navy Federal Credit Union, the debit card makes shopping easier.

"Everywhere I go, I take my debit card because it does take a long time for a check to clear. I use the debit card at the commissary, the exchange, and at Sight and Sound. This is just more convenient," she said.

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Safety standdown to be held Dec. 5 - 6

There will be a Safety Standdown Dec. 5 & 6 at the base theater for both Naval Station U.S. military and civilian personnel, as well as Spanish employees.

Two sessions are scheduled for U.S. personnel Dec. 6: a morning session at 8:45 a.m. and an afternoon session at 12:45 p.m. Each session will last about three hours and cover topics on safety, drug and alcohol awareness, traffic safety, back injury prevention, and fire prevention.

There will also be sessions for Spanish base employees Dec. 5, since Dec. 6 is a Spanish holiday. Session one is from 9 - 11 a.m., and session two is from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Topics include an introduction of Occupational Safety and Health Services, basic requirements of the Spanish Safety and Occupational Health Services, and risk prevention. Contact the Safety Office at ext. 2409 with any questions.



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NMCB 133 first classes assist base's R.A.W.L.

BU1 Tony Semento and EO1 (SW) Tom McCoy fasten sections of fencing together for a dog kennel at the Rota Animal Welfare League. The NMCB 133 First Class Petty Officers took over the volunteer project and have poured more than 30 concrete fence post holes, and have stretched out about 450 feet of chain-link fencing.

More than 100 car-loads attend Gateway Drive-in reopening

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With the screen resurfacing complete, the Rota Gateway Drive-In, which might be the only military drive-in in existence, is back in business.

The drive-in is a very unique feature on Naval Station, Rota; drive-ins have almost disappeared in the United States and the Gateway may be the only drive-in operating on a military installation.

The drive-in was built in the 1960s when drive-ins were very popular in the United States, said Capt. Richard Noble, Commander, U.S. Naval Activities, Spain.

"Drive-Ins have a very special place in my heart," he said.

According to base historical records, this was only the second time in 40 years that the drive-in has been repainted.

The Spanish Newimar Company, at a cost of around \$14,000, completed



photo/PH1(AW) Ron Heppner

The Gateway Drive-In re-opened Thanksgiving night after getting a \$14,000 face-lift. More than 100 car-loads came for the double feature of Titan A.E. and Charlie's Angels.

the project, said Steve Endres, MWR Director.

"Capt. Noble funded the project from end-of-the-year money," he said.

NMCB 133 also im-

proved the entrance road during their TACEX as a way to hone the battalion's Rapid Runway Repair skills.

Titan A.E. and Charlie's Angels were featured

Thanksgiving. Movies are shown at 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. To find out what movies are playing, call the Movie Information Line at ext. 2624.

Threat briefing required prior to travel to certain locations

Individuals who have a secret clearance and who are traveling on official orders to high threat areas such as Bahrain, Greece, Turkey, Israel, or other countries of the Middle East can contact NCIS, Special Agent Pamela Dickenson at ext. 3802, for an appointment to receive a threat brief.

Personnel with access to SIPRNET may view the NCIS threat assessments which are posted on the NCIS web site,

and do not need to make an appointment with NCIS.

All other personnel traveling on orders who do not have a clearance, or who are traveling to countries in Western Europe which are not considered high threat areas, as well as all personnel traveling in a leave status, are advised to access http://www.travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html for updated travel advisories and worldwide cautions.

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NEX Hours During MARG Visit

The NEX Main Exchange and Sight & Sound will have extended shopping hours during the MARG visit to Rota. Hours are: Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Dec 5 – 7, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; and Dec. 8, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

NEX Holiday Shopping Hours

The NEX Sight and Sound and Main NEX is now open extended hours Tuesday through Saturday, until 7 p.m., for your holiday shopping convenience.

MEETINGS

Joint Advisory Board

The JAB meets the third Thursday of each month at the base chapel. Come on out and hear from base officials, including COMNAVACTS, CMC, MWR, NEX, PSD, DGF, Supply, Security, NMCRS, NMC, and Housing. Fax your advance questions to ext. 1021 or e-mail coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil. Everyone is welcome to attend this open forum meeting to have your questions answered and concerns addressed.

Society of American Military Engineers

A tour of the new Rota Wastewater Treatment Facility (currently under construction) will be held Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. The group will meet in the PW Parking lot at 10:45 a.m., and carpool to the site (just outside the fence near NSGA). Maps will be provided for those who will drive. Afterwards, they will have lunch in a local restaurant. Civilian attire is requested. Call Lt.j.g. Dan Brubaker at ext. 1008 for more info.

Weight Loss Group

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets Monday at 6:45 p.m. at the Navy Hospital's Family Practice Clinic Conference Room. For more information, call Lauri at 956-48-1407.

Dance Alive Holiday Production

Don't miss the Dance Alive holiday production of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Shows will be Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.; & Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m. All shows will be at the DGF multipurpose room. Admission is free; however donations will be accepted to assist with production costs.

VITA Volunteers

The Naval Legal Service Office, det. Rota is looking for volunteers (VITA's) to be part of the Rota Tax Center. Volunteers will provide free 2000 tax return processing to military members and their families after receiving training from the IRS and Legal Office personnel. Volunteers must be available to work at the Tax Center, located at NLSO, beginning early January (or sooner) until May 2001. Basic computer skills are recommended. Contact Lt. Bill Rojas at ext. 2531 if interested.

Rabies Vaccination Requirements

All dogs and cats are required to have a rabies vaccination every year starting at 12 weeks of age. This law overrides any 3-year rabies vaccination that might have been given and recognized in other countries. The requirement for animals leaving Spain is that the rabies vaccination must be over 30 days old and under 1 year. Vaccinations are given by appointment only at the base vet clinic. Office hours are from 8:30

a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Vet Clinic is closed weekends, federal and U.S. Army training holidays. For more info, give them a call at ext. 3149.

Housing Resources

There will be limited resources at the Housing Office Dec. 6–8, while many of the Spanish base employees at the Housing Resource Center will be on vacation during the holidays, scheduled for Dec. 6 & 8. Although the Housing Resource Center will remain open, they will be offering limited referral services. The center apologizes for any inconvenience and asks you plan your house hunting activities accordingly.

Housing Community Center

The Housing Community Center is available for reservations. The center contains a main room with kitchen facilities, a large conference room, children's play room and outside playground, an outside barbecue area, and an Andalusian patio. Call ext. 1344 for reservations and more information.

Parking in On-Base Housing

Residents and guest parking is restricted to streets, driveways and parking lots. Parking on any grass areas or brick/concrete sidewalks is strictly prohibited. Campers, trailers, recreational vehicles, jet skies, etc, are not authorized to park anywhere within the Housing area, including driveways and carports.

Abuse of Government Vehicles

Everyone is reminded to adhere to the rules on the use of official vehicles. It is not authorized to park an official vehicle at the Rota Gate and leave it there overnight, or even for an hour or two, when going home for the day or when going to Rota on personal business. It is not authorized to take official vehicles to any of the NEX, MWR, Commissary, Post Office, Navy Federal Credit Union, and other such places for personal business. Public Works will impound vehicles found being used inappropriately.

DGF Elementary Book Fair

The fair continues today until 4 p.m. at DGF, and will complete activities Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call the school at ext. 4185 for more information.

DGF Book Exchange and Book Give Away

The book exchange and book give away programs at DGF Elementary School are currently in need of books or magazines suitable for 2nd – 6th grade students. Book donations may be placed in the box at the base library, or dropped off at the DGF Elementary School office. Many thanks to those who have donated books and/or time to these programs. Contact Nancy Callegari at 956-48-2229 or Lisa Coe at ext. 4218 for more info.

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DGF SAC

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) is comprised of parents, teachers, students, and faculty who meet to discuss various school-related issues. These meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. The SAC provide a forum to get together to hear issues and share ideas to better the school. The DGF High School SAC meets every third Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the school library, while the Elementary SAC meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:50 p.m. in the Parent Connection Room (bldg. 1604). Call ext. 4181 or 4185 for more info.

Education Gifts at UMUC

December is here, and UMUC has Scholarship Certificates available, which make great stocking stuffers. These gift certificates may be purchased in increments of \$5 (minimum \$10) and may be used for tuition, books or application fees. Surprise

a loved one today with the gift of learning...it will last a lifetime. Call ext. 2993/2917/2918 for more info, or stop by in bldg. 52.

UMUC Graduate Programs in Term III Schedule

Graduate Programs will be offering two courses in Rota during Term III. MGMT 584, Management Statistics, will be offered Tues. and Thurs. evenings from 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. INSS 525, Individual and Group Dynamics in Organizations, will be offered over four weekends (every other) starting on Jan. 27 - 28. Call Carolyn at ext. 2917 or stop by the Navy College Office in Bldg. 52 for more.

UMUC Distance Education Registration Deadlines

Register online now for UMUC-Europe Spring classes. Registration for Spring Term 3 runs from Nov. 6 - Jan. 12. Term dates are Jan. 22 - May 11, 2001. Registration for

UMUC-Asia runs one week longer as classes start and end one week later. UMUC-State-side DE courses are also available. Find out more at <http://www.ed.umuc.edu/de> or call ext. 2993/2917/2918.

City Colleges of Chicago

Do you need a lab science class for your bachelor's degree? Try Biology or Chemistry or Geology at City Colleges of Chicago-Europe. Do you want to improve your basic English and Math skills? CCC-E offers English and Math courses designed to prepare you for a college career. For more information on City Colleges of Chicago's distance education program, contact your CCC-E field representative at ext. 2574, or e-mail ccc_rotal@hotmail.com.

OU Spring Term

OU is now enrolling new and current students for the Spring 2001 term which begins in January. Classes offered are: Theoretical Founda-

tions of Human Relations (Core) to be held Jan. 9-14, enroll before Dec. 11; Chemical Dependency to be held Feb. 20-25, enroll before Jan. 22; & Seminar in Leadership in Organizations to be held March 24-Apr. 1, enroll before Feb. 26. For more information on The University of Oklahoma's Master of Human Relations degree program at Rota, contact the OU Field Coordinator at ext. 2799 or e-mail aprotal@ou.edu.

OU's On-Line Courses

Check out these classes online: Electronic Access to Social Science Research Resources and Global Ethics, class dates are Jan. 16 through Apr. 29, 2001. Enrollment deadline is Dec. 18. Call ext. 2799 or e-mail aprotal@ou.edu.

Navy College Learning Center

Call ext. 3070 to find out what's available, or visit the office in bldg. 52.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas...More than a Story

Plan to attend the Christmas Cantata on the evening of the Dec. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chapel.

Tables for Ten

Tables for Ten has been moved from Dec. 4 to Dec. 18. For more information, contact Kim Billingsley at 956-82-4724.

Mission 3:16 Coffee House Concert

Come join us for refreshments for the body and refreshment for your Spirit at a Coffee House event Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Everybody is welcome! Music will be provided by the praise band "Mission 3:16". It will be held at the Rota Assembly of God located on Avenida San Fernando in Rota, upstairs across from Shorty's. For directions call 956-84-1796.

Good Word for the Week

If you treat an individual... as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be.

PWOC

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study meets Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the chapel.

Does it all add up?

Is life no more than a mathematical formula? Or is there a higher plan behind and beyond the numbers?

A NASA agency official at Kennedy Space Center was explaining to a reporter how a module carrying human beings would land on Mars. The reporter asked how the module would return to earth.

"That involves a highly complex plan," the space agency representative said. "It begins with the words, 'Our Father, who art in Heaven.'"

You might be living by the numbers. Thinking, life is rational. It follows a predictable sequence. There is a logic to everything that happens. And much of the time you're right —until something goes wrong and the numbers just don't add up.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that there has to be something more to life than facts and figures. That faith is also part of the formula.

If life hasn't been adding up for you, maybe you're missing part of the equation. I agree with the rocket scientist. There is a highly complex plan for our lives. It contains facts and figures, but it begins with the words, "Our Father, who art in heaven" and ends with the word, "Amen."

Listen to Chapline every weekday at 7:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Hot 102.5 FM! If you miss a Chapline, you can access them on the web by clicking on "Base Chapel" under the resource section on the Naval Station web page, www.rota.navy.mil

**Worship Schedule**

Dec. 1	7:30 p.m.	Shabbat
Dec. 2	6 p.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
Dec. 3	9 a.m.	Roman Catholic Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Protestant Service
	Noon	Roman Catholic Mass
	1:30 p.m.	Gospel Fellowship Service
Dec. 6	7 p.m.	Protestant Communion Service

HOLIDAY NOTES:

— Protestant Sunday Evening Program meets from 6-8 p.m. at DGF. (Except Dec 17, 24, 31)
 — Catholic CCD meets Sunday from 10:30-11:30 at DGF. (Except Dec 24, 31)

FLEET & FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

For information on FFSC courses or services, call ext. 3232.

ART CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Art Contest deadline has been extended to December 11 for the **11 & older age category**. All art entries should reflect the theme, "Enjoying the Military Lifestyle". Artwork may be drawing, paintings, collages, sculptures or figurines. Here's your chance to win a \$50 savings bond from Navy Federal Credit Union or \$25 NEX gift certificate.

Contact the Fleet and Family Support Center for more information at ext. 3232.

NEW STRUCTURED PLAYGROUP FOR PARENTS AND TOTS

Enjoy creative activities to awaken your child's awareness and develop a lifelong closeness between you and your child. The structured playgroup meets on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. -noon, in DGF room 1610. Each class is specific to a developmental age group so be sure to check the schedule to see which class days are appropriate for your child's age.

Dec. 1 Christmas Crafts..... 2 1/2 to 4 years old

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Dec. 4, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children don't come with instructions! Living overseas presents even more challenges for parents. Bring your child/children, and get support for the most important job of your life: parenting!

CREATIVE RESUME

Dec. 5, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

A good resume is of key importance in the job search process. This workshop teaches you the basics of writing a resume. Learn which format best describes you skill and accomplishments and helps you stand out from the rest.

SPONSOR TRAINING

Dec. 7, 9:30. - 11:00 a.m.

Sponsor Training provides helpful information on planning a positive overseas transition. If you've been assigned sponsor duty, don't miss this class. Spouses are also encouraged to attend.

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Proud vets sailing LST 325 home



LST 325, now renamed M/V LST SHIP MEMORIAL, headed out to sea from Souda Bay, Greece, Nov. 14, on her way to the States. The crew is comprised of some 30 Sailors, whose average age is 74 years old, and are mostly LST veterans. Her epic journey will take her from Souda Bay to Mobile, Ala.. Check out the ship's and crew's progress at their web site: <http://www.palosverdes.com/lst887/lst325.html>.

Navy Chaplain Corps turns 225

The U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps marked its 225th anniversary Nov. 28. Over the years, chaplains have provided support to sea service personnel and their families through dedicated preaching, teaching and pastoral care. Chaplains and Religious Program Specialists serve with the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard—at sea and ashore.

There are a total of seven chaplains permanently assigned to Rota (six at the chapel and one at the Naval Hospital) and one deployed

chaplain (with the SeaBees). These eight pastors work together to help meet the needs of the base and surrounding area. NAVSTA chaplains also support Moron Air Force Base with several worship services each month and lay-leader training/supervision.

Call the Religious Ministries Department at ext. 2161 to find out more on services and programs offered to the Rota community. To reach the duty chaplain for an after-hours emergency contact the NAVSTA OOD at ext 2222.

New revamped information channels slated for on-base TV

The Naval Media Center's Blue Screen information channel on cable TV will soon have a new look and features, with classified advertisements and job listings shifting to a new channel.

Information Channel 9 is also slated for a face-lift. Most of the changes should be in place over the next week.

The Blue Screen's new format and color schemes are designed to be more contemporary and easier to read. The information will be presented in a standardized outline format with easily identifiable phone numbers.

A new feature of the Blue Screen is a recognition section for highlighting significant personal and command milestones. Commands can submit information anytime on command or command master chief letterhead.

Hot FM 102.5 will continue to accompany the channel.

In an effort to reduce the amount of information on the Blue Screen so that viewers can read community and command information quicker, a separate

channel, the Classified Advertisements Channel, will feature classified advertisements (for sale, vehicles, yard sales, wanted, free, etc.) and job listings. Ads will now be updated daily, Monday through Friday, instead of once a week. Viewers can tune to Channel 11 for the classified advertisements.

Adult contemporary music will accompany the new channel.

Newly designed application forms are planned, and will become mandatory after a two-month transition period. They will be available at the Naval Media Center and should soon be available on line.

Customers can continue to submit information as before during the transition period. The service is free to authorized patrons, but commercial ads are not permitted.

Information Channel 9 will have only minor layout, color, and pictorial changes.

For more information, call JO2 Eric Deatherage at 2121, or contact the command at <rota@mediacen.navy.mil>.

Cohen Salutes Abe Lincoln's Crew

ABOARD THE USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, Nov. 20, 2000 – Defense Secretary William S. Cohen praised sailors and Marines here Nov. 16 for enforcing the Southern No-Fly Zone over Iraq for their commitment and expertise.

The Lincoln is an important part of the U.S. military's forward presence in the region, Cohen said. He thanked the crew for their good work.

"I'm here because I want to meet you and thank you for the service that you provide to our country ... I know that I'm sending you out to a dangerous area," he said. "I speak of danger because [the attack on] the [USS] Cole is most recent on my mind, and probably most recent in yours."

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More than 50 prepare for annual Christmas Cantata

JO3 Ricky Allen
Rota Coastline

A Christmas program entitled "Christmas: More than a Story," is scheduled to be held at the Chapel Dec. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be a cantata, a vocal and musical instrumental piece composed of choruses, and solos.

There are more than 50

singers who have already joined the choir, and according to Linda Hudson, choir director, the cantata will bring something different to this year's Christmas program.

"Chaplain Beyer asked me in the spring if I would look for something when I went home last summer. I was able to find something that would work and thought

it would be something that a whole lot of people would get involved in," said Hudson.

Every year, according to Hudson, the Chapel sponsors a community Christmas Choir. The Chapel advertises to the Rota community on base and to the churches out in town to solicit support. The community choir consists of singers from various

backgrounds and denominations.

The community choir has been practicing every Monday for two hours since October. For many of the participants, such as Chaplain Atticus Taylor, participating in this year's program helps everyone get into the Christmas spirit.

"I have been participating in these types of pro-

grams ever since I was a young boy, and I have always felt that a musical introduction to the holidays or Christmas season gets people into the mood of the what the season emphasizes," Taylor said.

Taylor added the cantata would be something unique for the holiday season in Rota.

"This is going to be

great. I was involved in last year's cantata and they had a great musical arrangement that combined some of the classic holiday music with gospel.

This year there will be a contemporary mix of gospel favorites with the traditional music. It's going to be a wonderful way to end this year, and enter the New Year," he said.



photo/JO3 Ricky Allen

RP3 Tim Davis, choir director of Naval Station, Rota's Gospel Chorus prepares the choir for an upcoming selection. The choir performed in Rota Saturday, Nov. 18.

Gospel Chorus performs in Rota

Rota's Gospel Chorus performed in downtown Rota Nov. 18. The gospel choir sang a selection of inspirational songs for the crowd, featuring a solo by AG3 Nicole Hoffman. Hoffman sang a song entitled "No one else like you" in both English and Spanish.

"Bridging the gap between cultures is one of the many missions of Gospel Chorus," said Hoffman.

According to Keisha Wilson, Gospel Chorus member, the chance to sing for the Spanish community was an experience she hopes will continue throughout her stay.

"I have only been here for four months, and to get a chance to intertwine with the Spanish community is great. I am hoping this will not be the last time we get a chance to sing in downtown Rota."

EMPLOYMENT

MWR

Recreation Aide, Youth Activities; **Dining Room Cashier**, Reflections; **Booth Cashier/Dining Room Cashier**, Reflections; **Duty Manager**, Champions; **Driver/Cashier/Checker**, Pizza Villa; **Bowling Center Attendant**, Rota Lanes; **Program Assistant**, CDC.

Check with MWR Personnel, ext. 2596/3263 for Emergency Hire Jobs, Instructors ext. 2550 and Child Development Home Providers ext. 1618.

HRO

HRO Jobs can be found at their website: www.rota.navy.mil/hro, or by stopping by their office in Bldg. 52 [the PSD building.]

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COASTLINE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SÁBADO
NOVEMBER/ NOVIEMBRE Aviation History Month DECEMBER/DICIEMBRE Safe Toys and Gifts Month Onl y 25 shopping days until Christmas!				30 PWOC Bible Study (each Thursday), 9:30 a.m., Chapel TAP class with NFSC, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	1 AIDS Awareness Day Parents & Tots, Christmas Crafts, 1 - 2 1/2 yrs., 11 a.m. - noon, call 3232 Stocking Stuffer, Reflections, 6 - 8 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting, Reflections, 8 p.m.	2 Golf Tournament (Spanish American Friendship Golf Tourney), 10 a.m., call 2260 Stocking Stuffer, Reflections, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
3 CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF Elem. School, call 2161 Protestant Sunday Evening Program, 6 - 8 p.m., DGF gym, call 2161	4 Where's Santa? competition begins, listen to HOT 102.5 FM Parent Support Group at NFSC, 4 - 5 p.m., call 3232 PWOC Bible Study (each Monday), 7 - 9 p.m., Victory Villa	5 Creative Resume at NFSC, 1 - 3 p.m., call 3232 Safety Standdown for NAVSTA, Spanish personnel, 2 sessions (9 am. & 11 a.m.), base theater, call 2409	6 Constitution Day (Spanish Holiday) Safety Standdown for NAVSTA, U.S. personnel, 2 sessions (8:45 a.m. & 12:45 p.m.), base theater, call 2409	7 Pearl Harbor Day (anniversary of 1941 bombing) Sponsor Training at NFSC, 9:30 - 11 a.m., call 3232 PWOC Bible Study (each Thursday), 9:30 a.m., Chapel (final day for 2000, resumes Jan 11)	8 Day of Immaculate Conception (Spanish Holiday) "Mission 3:16" Coffee House Concert, 7:30 p.m., call 2161 Parents & Tots, Christmas Crafts, birth - 9 mos., 11 a.m. - noon, call 3232 U.S. Declares war on Japan (1941)	9 Christmas Parade, 3 p.m., begins at Housing Pool Scotch Doubles Potluck—MWR Rota Lanes is having a scotch Doubles Potluck beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Sign up at Rota Lanes by December 5. Call ext. 2112 for details.
10 Human Rights Day CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF Elem. School, call 2161 Protestant Sunday Evening Program, 6 p.m., DGF gym, call 2161	11 PWOC Bible Study (each Monday), 7 - 9 p.m., Victory Villa TAP class at NFSC, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	12 RAMIC meets, 1 p.m., Sub Oficiales Club TAP class at NFSC, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	13 Remember... ad deadline for Coastline is 7 days prior to publication OCSC Luncheon, 1 p.m. at Residencia Oficiales TAP class at NFSC, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., call 3232	14 Rank of Fleet Admiral established (1944) Smooth Move at NFSC, 4 - 5 p.m., call 3232 TAP class at NFSC, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., call 3232	15 Congress appoints first three of four Fleet Admirals (1944) "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", Dance Alive, 7:30 p.m., DGF MPR Parents & Tots, Christmas Crafts, 18 mos. - 2 1/2 yrs., 11 a.m. - noon, call 3232	16 Winter Bargain Land Flea Market, Drive-In, 9 a.m. - noon, call 2527 Jingle Bell Jog, DGF Track, 10 a.m., call 2382 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", Dance Alive, 7:30 p.m., DGF MPR "Christmas - More than a Story!" musical, 7:30 p.m., Chapel, call 2161
17 No Protestant Sunday Evening Program CCD, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., DGF Elem. School, call 2161 "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", Dance Alive, 5:30 p.m., DGF MPR "Christmas - More than a Story!" musical, 7:30 p.m., Chapel, call 2161	18 DGF Winter Recess Begins (classes resume Jan. 2) Pre-Natal Support Group at NFSC, 4 - 5 p.m., call 3232	19 Make routine Hospital appointments on-line at http://rota-www.med.navy.mil	20 OPERATION DESERT FOX in Iraq ends (1998) DGF H.S. SAC, 4 p.m., Library, call 4181 OPERATION JUST CAUSE begins in Panama (1989)	21 Medal of Honor authorized (1861) Winter begins (night is longest/day is shortest - Winter Solstice) Hanukkah begins at sunset (lasts through Dec. 29) Final "Coastline" for 2000; resumes Jan. 18	22 First Naval officers commissioned...Lt John Paul Jones first one (1775) Parents & Tots, Christmas Crafts, 9 - 18 mos., 11 a.m. - noon, call 3232	23 Navy College Office (CLEP, DANTES & Regents) tests, call 2711
24 Christmas Eve No Protestant Sunday Evening Program or CCD	25 Merry Christmas! 	26 Kwanzaa Begins Submit your story ideas to Coastline, ext. 2491	27 Want to become a Girl Scout? Call 4410 or 4442 to find out how.	28 Need base TV cable repairs? Call 4736 or 4337 for Housing & 2347 for the Industrial Area	29 Parents & Tots, Tumbling/gymnastics, 3 - 4 yrs, 11 a.m. - noon, call 3232	30 Interested in joining the Cub Scouts? Call 2380 or 956-81-4096 for more info.

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The making of Olive Oil

Story and photos by JOC Jon McMillan

For the past few weeks, and for the next few months, field workers across Andalusia have been busy shaking down their thousands of olive trees and transporting the now-ripe fruit to olive oil production centers throughout the region.

Andalusia produces nearly 20 percent of the world's total olive oil production. Although the Jaén province produces the most olive oil in the region, the olive fields in the Sierra de Cádiz also have a healthy olive oil business that can be visited in half a day.

I was invited to visit Almazara de la Cooperativa Agrícola, Nuestra Señora de los Remedios in Olvera. I was hoping to tour some olive tree fields and experience the arduous task of beating down olives from the trees. Unfortunately, though, it had rained the day before my trip and the olive tree beating experts told me it's bad for the olives to be beaten from the trees right after a rain.

So instead, I just got a tour of the Olive Oil producing factory and was told about the history of the olive tree and shown how the product is made.

It is believed that the olive tree originated in Asia Minor –

the area now covered by Turkey and some of the Middle East. Early Greek and Roman writing constantly mentions “the eternal tree of peace” and the bounty it provides.

Hercules is supposedly responsible for accidentally planting all of the Mediterranean olive trees. Apparently, he went on a stroll across the Med and used an olive tree staff that sent out olive tree roots every time the staff hit the ground. Since that Herculean stroll, more than 70 different varieties and more than 800 million olive trees are found in the world.

Once the olives have been beaten from their trees, they are transported to a factory where they are selected, tested, washed, drained and crushed. The olives are crushed whole, complete with the seed, and are mulched in these giant, tiered mulching machines.

Once mulched to perfection, this goo of olives is sent through a series of hoses into other machines that spin the olive mulch around and separate the finest oil away from the mulch.

My tour guides were extremely proud that the entire process

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of separating the oil from the mulch is done without chemicals or heat. It is just done by blending and spinning.

Now, producing olive oil sometimes can seem to be like conducting a chemistry product. Onsite, there is a test laboratory that conducts a mini-olive oil process. From this mini-process, a batch of olives is tested for its level of acidity. These levels are what determine if an olive oil is: Extra Virgin Oil, Virgin Oil, Olive Oil or the Oruja of Olive Oil.

When you tour a modern olive oil factory though, it can be a little hard to really see all this. The plant looks like a combination of a car engine with Old MacDonald's farm. It's a bit strange that such an ugly process can produce such a fine oil. It's strange, but interesting.



The simple bottling process at Los Remedios in Olvera.

Olive Tree & Oil Facts

Botanists claim that the normal life span of an olive tree is 300 to 600 years; some claim there are even trees alive in the Mediterranean basin that are over 1000 years old.

The Olive tree is an evergreen.

There are currently about 800 million olive trees in the world.

Olive trees do not bear fruit until 5 to 8 years old and don't reach full development until 20 years old.

The average tree produces 33 to 44 pounds of olives per year, or the equivalent of 3 to 4 liters of oil per year.

Green olives are actually unripe black olives. Black olives are green olives that have been left to ripen on the tree.

The early Egyptians used olive oil to ease the movement of the great stones used to build the pyramids.

The ancient Greeks burned olive oil in lamps as a source of light.



Just-pressed Olive Oil before it is piped to cleaning bins.



The 'mulcher' grinds the entire olive, including seed.



The olives on this tree



The Olive Oil plant in Olvera.



The process starts here with olives being sorted

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Olives on this tree in the Sierra de Cádiz are ready to be picked.



Olives are being sorted and sent to the 'mulcher.'



The Sierra de Cádiz, near Olvera, is known for its quality olive trees and olive oil.

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Today

1 Flag Football Late Registration—MWR Youth Sports is having a Flag Football Late Registration from November 27 until December 2 at the Youth Center. Boys and girls ages 7 – 13 may participate. Volunteers are needed. Season begins on December 2 and ends on January 27. Game days are on Saturdays. Call ext. 2382 for details.

1 Nike Swoosh Club Meetings—MWR Youth Center is conducting Nike Swoosh Club Meetings at The Edge on November 30. Meetings are open to kids ages 13 – 18 that are interested in sports and fitness. Call ext. 4564 for details.

Friday

1 Karaoke Nights at Reflections—Come join MWR Reflections every Friday and Saturday nights for Karaoke from 8 p.m. – closing. Call ext. 2851 or ext. 2617 for details.

1 Sensational Stocking Stuffer—MWR Entertainment is hosting "Stocking Stuffer" Holiday Festival at Reflections to celebrate and share the start of the Holiday season with the Rota community. There will be special holiday entertainment, great gift items, unique crafts, and fun activities for children. Also, there will be "Surfin' with Santa" e-mail portraits for sending back home to friends and family. Event dates are as follows: Friday, December 1 is

from 6 – 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 2 is from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call ext. 3801 or ext. 2527.

Saturday

1 Glo Bowl—MWR Rota Lanes is having a Glo Bowl on December 2 from 8 p.m. – midnight. Call ext. 2112 for details.

1 Wood Hobby Shop Certification Class—MWR Wood Hobby is conducting a Wood Hobby Shop Certification Class every Saturday from 10 – 11 a.m. Call ext. 2550 for more information.

Sunday

1 Fitness Trivia—MWR Athletics is having Fitness Trivia at the Fitness Center beginning November 27 until December 29. Come test your fitness knowledge every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and win prizes. There will be an all-day drawing the following day for prizes. Call ext. 2563.

Monday

1 Athlete of the Year Nominations—MWR Athletics is now accepting nominations for Athlete of the Year at the Fitness Center. Athlete of the year packages are available for pick up and are due no later than January 5, 2001. Call ext. 2565 for further details or come by the gym to pick up the guidelines.

1 JAMS Mountain Day Trip—MWR Youth Center will be conducting a Mountain Day trip to

Algodonales. Sign up at the Youth Center by December 4. Cost is \$15. Activities will include a burro ride, hiking, archery, and lunch. Children ages 10 – 12 may participate. Call ext. 4564 or ext. 4252 for schedule and details.

Tuesday

1 Pneumatic Boat Trip—Admire the great diversity of sea birds and vegetation in a labyrinth of streams, mudflats and marshlands in the Nature Reserve of the Bay of Cadiz. Excursion to Sancti Petri Island and Castle. Departures from Sancti Petri Marina, Chiclana. For information, call 956-494-522.

1 Adult Yoga—Yoga classes are being conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:50 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. and 5 – 6:30 p.m. at the MWR Dojo Room next to the Fitness Center. Saturday classes are also available from noon – 1:30 p.m. The instructor is Cynthia Barham. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

1 Beginners/Intermediate Floor Aerobics—MWR Athletics is having a Beginners/Intermediate Floor Aerobics at the MWR Aerobics room next to the Fitness Center. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Call ext. 2563 for details.

1 Command Sports Representative Meeting—MWR athletics is having a Command Sports Representative Meeting on December 5 at 4:30 at the MWR Training Center. Call ext. 2565 for details.

1 Scotch Doubles Potluck—MWR Rota Lanes is having a scotch Doubles Potluck on December 9 beginning at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Sign up at Rota Lanes by December 5. Call ext. 2112 for details.

1 Walking Class—MWR Athletics is having a Walking Class today, and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 – 11 a.m. Walk begins at the Dive-In Deli. Children are welcome to attend with parents. Call ext. 2563 for details.

1 Glider Flights: MEDINA SIDONIA—Take a theory and practice course that will provide you with a Glider Piloting License, or simply go for a fascinating glide over the coast and mountain ranges of the province of Cadiz. Call 654-508-439.

Wednesday

1 Child's Table & Chair Class—MWR Wood Hobby is conducting a Child's Table and Chair Class on December 6 – 8 at the Wood Hobby Shop. Morning Classes will be from noon – 3 p.m. Afternoon classes will be from 5 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$80. All supplies are included. Call ext. 2284 for details.

1 Crafter's Circle—MWR Craftech is conducting a Crafter's Circle on December 6 and 20 from 10 a.m. – noon. Join Craftech every first and third Wednesday of the month to learn a new craft or hobby. December Crafter's Circle will focus on Christmas decorations. Call ext. 2550 for details.

Thursday

1 Story Time at the Library—MWR Library will be having story time today from 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and will be held every Thursday. All ages are welcome to attend. Call ext. 2418 for more information.

Ongoing

1 Auto Skills—Let the qualified staff at the Auto Hobby Shop show you the basics of auto maintenance, which can save you money. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

1 MWR now has a line open for your comments and suggestions. Call ext. 1522.

1 Jazz Musicians...Expeditions is looking for some musical talent to get a jam session together. Call ext. 2527 for more information.

1 New at the Auto Hobby...The Auto Hobby Shop now offers **pre-buyers inspection**. Before you purchase that Rota beater or any dream car, find out if it's a good deal or just another piece of fruit. Call ext. 2268 for more information.

1 Website
Visit the MWR web page at www.rotamwr.com.

Gypsy Markets

Monday: Cadiz and Jerez
Tuesday: El Puerto de Sta. Maria
Wednesday: Rota and Sanlucar
Thursday: Puerto Real
Friday: Arcos

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Win a 500.000 peseta shopping spree

Ronald McDonald is coming to Sanlúcar! He will be performing at the **McDonald's** next Friday, December 8th at 5 p.m. Mark it on your calendar and take the kids.

In order to help make Christmas shopping easier by giving us more time, **El Paseo Mall** will open several Sundays in December: The 3rd, the 17th and the 24th. They will also open on Friday the 8th, which is a national holiday in Spain.

Restaurante El Molino, right near the Rompidillo Beach in Rota, is offering another special menu this week. Once again, it sounds real good and as I said last week, if you are not familiar with **El Molino**, now is a good time to give it a try. Also, every client will receive a numbered ticket for a drawing. The prize will be a dinner for two or a box of wines.

Venta La Rufana opens for business as usual tomorrow after being

closed for vacation in Nov.

Viveros Antonio María in Vistahermosa plan to have plenty of Christmas trees on sale tomorrow, December 1st. Stop by soon while the picking is good. They also have a nice selection of poinsettias and other beautiful plants.

Start the New Year right by learning some Spanish or by improving what you already know. **Trinity School** in Puerto de Santa María will be starting new sessions of evening classes on January 8th. There are four time slots for your convenience and you can sign up now and pay in January. If you would like more information, give a call to 956-871926 or contact them by e-mail at trinity@spa.es

ACIRO, the Small Business Association of Rota, is sponsoring a drawing for 500.000 pesetas worth of free shopping again this year. Every purchase you make at one of the participating establishments in Rota, from now until December 29th will entitle you to a ticket for every 1.000 pesetas spent. The participating establishments must be properly identified by a graphic distinctive.

The tickets entitle you to two possibilities: (1) participate in several drawings for various gifts that will take place before the main drawing for the 500.000 pesetas prize or (2) participate directly in the drawing for 500.000 pesetas of free shopping. The drawings will take place in the

presence of a notary or public official and will be broadcast on the local TV channel 43, the evening of December 29. The winner must spend the 500.000 pesetas on January 3rd in the participating establishments. A horse-drawn carriage will be at the winner's disposal. Sound like fun?

Brigitte Hutchison writes the following about one of her favorite restaurants – **El Ancla** in Puerto de Santa María. "**El Ancla** is a delightful place to dine out or have lunch. We really enjoyed a remarkable meal last Saturday.

We started with anemones (ortigillas al ancla) wrapped in a thin crust like an egg roll and served with a delicate pepper sauce dip. The house clams were excellent – in a sauce with diced ham, garlic and parsley.

As a main course we chose salt baked fish, which is so juicy and tasty! The fish is served with two kinds of salad and it was delicious.

We topped the meal off with a specialty of the house: the nut cake. (A widow has been baking this cake for the restaurant for years and it is the best I have ever tasted). All and all we were very happy with the meal and the bill was just right."

Remember there will be a demonstration by a **Lladró** artist at the Main Exchange this Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m. You can watch while porcelain flowers are created.

Next time you visit someplace that you saw in the [Coastline](#), say you saw it in the [Coastline](#).

Also, share with other readers information about the surrounding area: your favorite spots and shops. Contact me at COASTPUB@santandersupermet.com or at coastpub@retemail.es, by fax at 956-542997 or by phone at 956-542997 or 607-564132.

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A T L A N T I C

WEEKEND MOVIES

FRIDAY , DEC. 1

In My Sister's Shadow - A naive woman finds herself caught up in a twisted revenge plan hatched by her sister's deranged ex husband. Starring Janet Leigh, Nancy McKeon, Thomas McCarthy, and Alexander Wilson. (120 min, Suspense Drama, 1997, TV-PG)

Hud - Paul Newman is thoroughly unlikable - and absolutely great - as Hud Bannon, an immoral cattle rancher who attempts to persuade his aging father to sell the family ranch and drill for oil. Starring Paul Newman, Melvyn Douglas, Patricia Neal, and Brandon de Wilde. (120 min, Drama, 1963, TV-PG) **AFN 10:00 P.M.**

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

The Godfather - Francis Ford Coppola directs a stellar cast in this epic saga of Mafia life in post-World War II America. Quite possibly the best gangster movie ever made. Starring Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan, and Diane Keaton. (180 min, Crime Drama, 1972, TV-PG) **AFN 1:05 A.M.**

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

Austin Powers
International Man Of Mystery
Austin "Danger" Powers was the sixties grooviest, most sought after secret agent, fighting off the hordes of sex-crazed admirers while battling the devilishly wicked and cunning Dr.Evil. During one of their routine showdowns, Dr.Evil escapes earth in a rocket and puts himself into a cryogenic freeze. Powers freezes himself also, so as to be reanimated upon Dr.Evil's return. But there's a rude awakening in store for the both of them when they are revived in the nineties, only to discover that times have definitely changed - even though neither of them has changed in the least. Starring Mike Myers, Elizabeth Hurley, Michael York, and Mimi Rogers. (120 min, Comedy, 1997, TV-PG) **NOTE: Airs Tuesday, December 5 @ 8:00 P.M. on AFN Atlantic.**

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GATEWAY AUDITORIUM

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Friday

7 p.m. Men of Honor (R)
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Midnight: The Contender (R)

Saturday

3 p.m. Titan A.E. (PG)
7 p.m. Bedazzled (PG13)
9:30 p.m. The Exorcist (R)
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MOVIES



All MWR movies are
free, all the time.

MWR's Movie Information
Line extension is 2624.

G – General Audiences, All ages admitted

PG – Parental Guidance Suggested, Some material may not be suitable for children

PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned, Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

R – Restricted, Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian

MOVIES
National Picture Association of America

DRIVE - IN

Friday 8 p.m. Bedazzled (PG13)

Saturday 8 p.m. The Grinch (PG)

Sunday 8 p.m. The Contender (R)

Bedazzled (PG13: for sex-related humor, language, and some drug content) Comedy; Brendan Fraser & Elizabeth Hurley (93 min). A nerdy computer programmer strikes a deal with the Devil to win the love of a woman he works with. In exchange for his soul, she will grant him seven wishes, each in some way goes astray.

Charlie's Angels (PG13: for action violence, innuendo & mild sexual situations) Action/Comedy; Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, & Lucy Liu (98 min). They're beautiful, they're brilliant and they work for Charlie. This updated remake of the popular 1970's TV show has the crime-fighting trio rescuing a high tech millionaire. These Angels no longer carry guns; they must concentrate on their strength, martial arts and high tech gadgets instead.

The Contender (R: for strong sexual content & language) Drama; Joan Allen & Jeff Bridges (130 min). When the Vice President of the United States dies unexpectedly, the President must name a replacement. He chooses Senator Laine, a woman. There is much opposition from both political parties and the confirmation process turns ugly as her colleagues dig up secrets and personal dirt to use against her.

The Exorcist (R: for strong language and very disturbing images) Suspense/Horror; Linda Blair & Ellen Burstyn (121 min). A mother is forced to stand by and watch as her 12 year old daughter turns into a demon who brings terror to everyone she comes into contact with. Finally, an exorcist is called upon to save her.

The Grinch (PG) Comedy; Jim Carrey & Molly Shannon (105 min). He's a mean one, that Mr. Grinch. Annoyed by those happy Whos, he decides to deprive them of their favorite holiday Christmas, only to find that the spirit of the season goes much deeper than tinsel and toys.

Men of Honor (R: for language & moderate violence) Drama; Cuba Gooding, Jr. & Robert de Niro (129 min). Based on the true story of an African-American sailor's struggles to beat the odds and becomes the United States Navy's first African-American Master Diver. His most loyal supporter is also his most vicious adversary as the two men help each other overcome the challenges of racism, physical impairment and the rules of the military system.

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AUTOS

1989 MAZDA MPV: 7 pass. Minivan, excellent condition. Towing package, completely rebuilt engine and many new parts. AM/FM/CD, PW/PL/AT/AC cruise control. \$6500. Call 956-54-0955.

1987 TOYOTA: Master Ace minivan, auto trans., dual A/C, well maintained and very reliable. British style right side drive. Tax-free vehicle. \$500, available 10 Dec. Call 95-586-4637.

1988 FORD FIESTA: XR2, 1600, 96 HP, Sunroof, AM/FM/CC, powerhigh beams. One owner, ITV good until 02/01. \$2000 OBO. Call 956-85-6871.

1986 FORD FIESTA: Good condition, valid ITV. \$850. Call ext. 3213 or 956-83122 and ask for Jaime.

1992 HARLEY DAVIDSON: Ultra classic Electra Glide transformed to Road King, (original parts). Exhaust Bartel's, Screaming Eagle, 32,000 km. 1950.000 pts. (all included). Call 654-99-2690 or 956-48-1458 (Marcos).

1992 RENAULT 5: Runs good, new tires. \$1500. Call Jeff Tate at ext. 2825 (work), or ext. 5200 (home).

1988 RENAULT 21: Power windows and locks, 4-Door, JVC Stereo/cassette, low mileage, ITV inspection passed, \$1000. Call Naranjo/Redmon: 627360571 or 3471.

1985 RENAULT 9 TSE: A/C, stereo, four doors, new tires! Great family or commuter car, ITV Aug 01. \$1200.00 OBO. Call Cassie at 82-4013.

KAWASAKI ZEPHYR 550: (naked) 15.5k miles. great

condition. Bought in the states. Helmets and extras included. kbb value 2615\$ asking 2300\$ OBO. Call 956480199 or 69425888.

1988 RENAULT 21: Power windows and locks, 4-door, JVC am/fm cassette, low mileage, great condition- \$1000 call Naranjo at 627360571 or 3600/3601.

1988 VW PASSAT: GL 4-door. Reliable car. Runs great and always well maintained. Valid ITV. Price Ptas 450000. Call Richie at 619-321888 or Belen at 616-600759.

1987 SEAT IBIZA JUNIOR: Extremely dependable well kept & very clean (Non Smokers), New Sound System. Must see to Appreciate! Available Dec 1 \$1000 call X4866 aw.

DX 1996 TOYOTA CORROLA 1.8V: 5speed, manual transmission, well maintained, new tires, first owner, very low mileage less than 47,000 miles, a/c, power steering/locks/windows, fm/am cassette stereo, insurance good until 31dec00, ITV until 2001. \$10,500.00 or OBO. Call ext. 4758 or leave a message or x2867 between 0800-1600 on weekdays.

VARIOUS AUTOS FOR SALE: **JETSKI KAWASAKI 650:** With trailer, great condition. \$3000. **1994 RENAULT CLIO 1.4** new brakes, ac, stereo, insurance. Good until Jun 01. **1983 RENAULT 18:** Rota beater \$900 obo. Call ext. 1572/3224 or 956815171.

1988 CAMARO: \$2,500 for more info contact PO Vazquez at ext. 2286 or cello phone at 619227126.

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until July 01, power steering, new battery, air conditioner/ heat/ \$1,500 call Rodney cell phone 99-646-098031 home 99-956-82-5677.

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1990 FORD ESCORT 1.6, 5 doors, ITV good until July 01, runs great. \$1,600 (negotiable). Call Maria 956-811486 or 696-846057.

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'88 OPEL CORSA 1200S, 38,000 miles, 4 doors, new battery, new tires, complete tune-up. ITV valid until July 2001. Owner pays for transfer of ownership. \$1,600. Call Silvia at 2100 or 956-873296.

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 883, 20 liter gas tank and many extras. 1.190.000 pesetas. Call Santy at 639-107335 or Inma at 956-860805.

FOR SALE

LLADRO: "The Flirt" Military Man and woman walking. Last made in 1978. Auctioned for

\$850. LLADRO: "Magic" clown and ballarina last sold in 1985 for \$600. Partially broken. Asking \$150. Asking \$400 very new. Maria 956857936 or 616658701.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Lazy Boy Recliner/Rocker Burgandy Color, New \$300 Berkline Loveseat Recliner Blue color, New \$550. HIFI VCR works great \$60, call Steve at ext. 1572/3224 or 956-815171.

MINISUBISHI 26" NTSC TV: Stereo with SAP. \$300 OBO. Call ext. 2316 during working hours, or 666-85-1414.

HONEYWELL: True HEPA portable air cleaner. \$50. Call ext. 2316 during working hours, or 666-85-1414.

CD-RW's: 25 new Memorex CD-RW's with 650mb/74 min. capacity. \$37.50 for all 25. Please call Russ at ext. 4232 (home) or 1262 (work).

SOFABED: Well made older hide-a-bed, \$150. Microwave (110 volt), \$50. Call Kathy at ext. 3232.

ENTERTAINMENT CABINET Can hold up to 32" TV, 30 CD's, 3 stereo racks, VCR/DVD rack, plus tapes and bottom storage. \$25. Call 95-586-4637.

KEROSENE HEATER: Large Kerosin brand, sell in the NEX for \$189, like new for \$125 OBO. Comes with 3 kerosene containers and funnel. Call 95-586-4637.

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DINING ROOM TABLE: with 4 matching chairs. Black with gold trim. \$200. Call Dan or Maria at

956-82-4582.

NEW PALM PILOT V11 w/ software & HOTSYNC cradle!! Pilot alone retails for over \$400 Both for \$300 OBO. Lou 956841675/686161220.

CUSTOM MADE RACING BIKE: All Campy components, Mavic wheels, Rolls seat, Vetta wireless HRM. Less than 150 miles. New over \$2500. Sacrifice for \$1400 OBO. Lou 956841675/686161220.

"APPLIO" INTERNET PHONE SYSTEM: Stand-alone Internet telephones don't require a computer / modem to call via internet telephony worldwide. New, still in box—paid \$425 but will sell the pair for \$300. Dave, Ext. 2783 or 956 48 2257

BEAUTIFUL FLORAL PRINT COUCH (pottery barn style): asking \$250. Kerosene heater: \$50. Call x4928.

GENUINE LEATHER JACKET Never been worn, tag is still in place. Color: Black Size: XL Price: Asking \$150.00. Call Anthony 956-81-5934 or 956-540-130.

MOVING SALE! Home office furniture: oak computer desk and chair with rollers, \$400; matching oak bookshelf, \$150; matching 5x8 tan and hunter green rug, \$50. Also, 5x8 blue area rug with flower pattern, \$50; outdoor metal patio set with umbrella and matching chair pads, \$75; blender, \$10; assorted ceramic flower pots with plants. All items in excellent condition and will be sold for best offer. Please call Derek or Colleen at x4382 between 5-9pm.

For sale: Very elegant fur coat (seal with mink), size 8-10. Designer model from Germany. Natural beige silky brown color. Like new. Asking \$850. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

HOUSES/ APARTMENTS

For rent: 2 bedroom furnished apartment with fantastic ocean view from this 30m balcony. New furnished kitchen cabinets. Furnished in country style. Community pool and private parking space. Owner asking 90,000 ptas.

Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE

For rent: Need a fully furnished/ equipped apartment? On a monthly or yearly basis in Puerto area: El Manantial beachfront with beautiful views 75,000/ 70,000 pesetas mo. El Ancla 65,000/60,000 pesetas mo. Community fees included, commission free. Call Eloy, English spoken. Attention guaranteed. 956-540044 or Cell 679-426377.

For rent: House, 10 minutes from the base. 3 bedrooms, living room with fireplace, bathroom, kitchen, porch, phone and large yard (3,500 meters) with many trees. 100,000 pesetas/mo. Call 956- 810500 for more information.

For rent: 4 bedroom townhouse in a nice area of Rota, 2 baths, large back patio, garage and new kitchen cabinets. 90,000 pesetas/mo. water and community fees included. Call Maria at 956-811486 or 696-846057.

For rent: Beautiful, luxury townhouse in Fuentebravia, close to the base and the beach. Marble floors, 3 bedrooms with closets, 2 baths, furnished kitchen, living room with fireplace, dining room, front/back yard. 100,000 pesetas/mo. Call Eloy, English spoken. Attention guaranteed.

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For rent: Beautiful beachfront furnished apartment with large terrace. Living/dining room, 3 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, satellite TV, phone, solar heat, underground, garage, very nice. 125,000 pesetas/mo. Call Brigitte at 956-851396 or Coco at 956-480973.

For rent: 3 bedroom townhouse with great front and side yard for entertaining. Large wood finished kitchen-dining room with heating, 2 and a half baths, Master bedroom has air conditioning and two balconies, alarm system and satellite dish. Owner asking 125,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For rent: Beautiful apartment on the beach. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath, garage, balcony overlooking the beach, close to the base. 75,000 ptas. Call Maria X2813.

For rent: Cute apartment in Fuentebravia, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room. Community yard. 70,000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

For rent: Corner lot Duplex with two private entrances. Has back

and front patio, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and living room with cozy fireplace. Good size kitchen has space for dryer. Owner asking 73,000 ptas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For rent: Country home surrounded by trees. This one is a great place to live if you like the country but want to stay close to the city. 3 Bedrooms, bath, country old kitchen. Nice stone fireplace. Outside you have barbecue, and a huge yard. Come see it! Will rent for only 90,000 ptas negotiable. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

Need a house? Lot's of houses to rent; we'll find what you want. No rental fees, no language barrier. We rent, sell and build houses. American management. Your satisfaction is our best publicity. 956-543755 or 610-753503. Call us anytime.

For rent: House in Vista hermosa, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living-dining room, large kitchen and large yard. 165,000 pesetas/mo. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

For rent: Bring your clothes only.

Visit this luxury apartment in the newest Spanish resort COSTA BALLENA, golf courses, swimming pool, and all next to the ocean. 110,000 pesetas. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For rent or for sale: Brand-new house in Las Redes. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living-dining room and kitchen. Community pool. Rent: 100,000 pesetas/mo. Sale: 26,000,000 pesetas. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

RENT MONTH TO MONTH. We have apartments available on short-term leases as well as rentals from September to June. Call CENTURY 21 Agin 2000 at 956-84-6221. WE RENT HOMES. NO RENTAL FEE.

For sale: Two-story house; Ground floor: hall, large living room, large kitchen and master bedroom with private bath. Upstairs, two bedrooms with one bath and terrace. 600 sq. meter yard. 32,500,000 pesetas. Call 956-850653 or 670-795032.

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Don't leave him behind! Large dog carrier for sale, FAA approved. \$60. Call Patricia at 667-479264.

Dog Training/Boarding Kennel -Experienced, friendly trainer offers Basic Obedience, Problem Solving etc. Small, High Quality Kennels by the sea in Rota. For more information call or E-mail Paul: 676 298 880 dogschool@yahoo.com

Rota Animal Welfare League. Check out their new web site at www.rawl.org

Intensive Spanish Courses: All levels - Trinity School. For information, call 956-871926.

COMPUTER UPGRADES: repair and advice. Should there be a problem please contact me at work #3432 or 3430 home #5550.

PETS

FREE PUPPY: 3 months old, small female mixed with terrier. Short hair, very sweet, loves to play. Call 956-87-6311.

FREE TO GOOD HOME: Beautiful 9 m/o male Yellow Lab, microchip, all shots current, comes w/ cage, please call Matt @ x3307 after 7 or 686913336.

WANTED

OLD BROKEN DOG HOUSES,

kennels, wooden boxes, kitchen cabinets for winter shelter to abandoned animals. Cheap or charity. Please call Stephanie at 956-87-6311 or 649-32-8186.

MATH TUTOR for advanced college level Trig, Algebra and Geometry. Please contact AW2 Sanchez at ereksanchez@hotmail.com or 686357032.

ENGLISH SPEAKING NANNY: To care for new born. Work out of our home. Must have own transportation as well as base access/call Joe or Erin at 4190 or cell 627 706014.

Need to know what the peseta rate is? Visit the PSD website: www.psd.rota.navy.mil

PRAYER

A Special Prayer for 3 P.M. on Friday: Lord Jesus, we gather in spirit at the foot of the Cross with your Mother and the disciple whom You loved. We ask Your pardon for our sins which are the cause of Your death. We thank You for remembering us in that hour of salvation and for giving us Mary as our Mother. Holy Virgin, take us under Your protection and open us to the action of the Holy Spirit. St. John, obtain for us the grace of taking Mary into our life, as you did, and of assisting her in her mission. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen *Jess López*

How to place an Classified Ad

Free classified ads are available to all TEI "Spanish ID" card holders, including active duty U.S. military members, DoD civilian employees, and their family members. Free classified ads are limited to 25 words or less and are restricted to non-commercial goods and services.

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Free Classified Ads

Fax ad to: 956-82-1021
email ad to: coastline@navsta.rota.navy.mil
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DGF H.S. music students perform at Disneyland Paris

Mark Bignell
DGF Music Teacher

DGF High School students have returned from their 5th annual performance trip to Paris, France, where they once again impressed the French audience with their musical talents.

Their performance took place at 10:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Day (Jour de Merci Donnant, for you francophiles), and left the students an entire day to enjoy the rides and shows in Disneyland.

The vocalists participating in this year's Funk Show include: Erica Bennett, Dani Dunziales, Kim Rosander, Marcus Gilliard, Hillary Greening, Vanessa Ochotorena, Megan O'Neil, Ariel Litchen-Pifer, Brandy Wegner, Megan Greening, Heather Brown, Jessica Henderson, Hana Bignell, Mary Beyer, Jessica Allmen, and Brenda Vigil.

The Funk combo included Crystal Rosander, piano; Jeff Holcomb, drums; Butch Bignell, bass; Kaitlin Henderson, flute; Trish Guillebeau and Maggie Buckles, trumpets.

The students impressed the Disney staff with their professionalism of performance, choice of



photo courtesy/DGF Music Club

materials, and execution. Sue Arondel, coordinator of the Disney Music Days program commented, "It's nice to see young people learn a bit about music history by performing music from our day. They really have captured the spirit of Funk. And the costumes are fabulous."

The long bus ride paid off for the students and chaperones as they made their way to the various points of historical and cultural significance.

DGF students were able to see the Mona Lisa, the immensity of the Eiffel Tower, the power of the Arch of Triumpe, the Gothic eeriness of Notre Dame, the elegant

Champs Elysees, and of course, the worlds biggest Virgin Records. Changing money and understanding the power of the U.S. dollar gave the group a bit more spending freedom.

Many people ate at French restaurants, some eating their first bites of snails. Others chose to eat the fast foods they missed most from the United States such as KFC.

While many students are eager to start work on next year's show, many of the adults are happy to be home after the long trip.

If you would like to be part of this experience for next year, call Mark Bignell at ext. 4709.

The best Hot Chocolate

Mark Bignell
DGF Music Teacher

Angelina's, a Parisian tea-house located at 224 Rue Rivoli, just across from the Louvre and within sight of the Eiffel Tower, boasted a claim to



photo courtesy/DGF Music Club

have "The World's Best Cup of Hot Chocolate."

A group of nine Rota sceptics set out on Nov. 24 to test the claim.

The long walk down the Rue Rivoli gave the group the opportunity to purchase souvenirs at a good price, but the distance made some students question the value of seeking "the best cup of hot chocolate."

James Basset was the first to sight Angelina's. Everyone looked in the window in anticipation, and were immediately intimidated: the wait staff wore white cotton gloves, white linens covered the tables, fine china and elegant silverware clinked and tinkled about as the patrons ate their brioche and sipped their hot chocolate.

All tables seemed to be full as the group looked about for enough room to sit down. The host offered to seat the nine of us toward the back, a gesture we thought at first to get us out of the sight of the sophisticated pa-

trons, but we learned that this was the only place to accommodate nine comfortably.

We ordered, "Nine hot chocolates!"

"Of course!" the waitress replied.

We were watching the others, anticipating the taste. "Could it really be that good?" said Steve.

Finally the staff proudly brought in four large pitchers of the thick beverage, two tall dessert cups of cream chantilly, and ice cold water. We poured the liquid, added the cream, stirred the china cups with the elegant silverware creating our own tinkling sounds, and sipped. Each drew away from the cup with white, whipped cream mustaches.

It was thick, sweet, elegant, rich, creamy, truly delicious. And worth the walk. It was a meal in itself. The students came away satisfied from their quest.

The cost for the "World's Best Cup of Hot Chocolate?" a mere \$5.00.

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MWR Sports Results**Flag Football
Post Season Standings**

Nov. 20	NMCB-133	64	NSWU-10	12
Nov. 20	NAVSTA	14	AMC	7
Nov. 21	NMCB-133	27	NSGA	26
Nov. 21	NAVSTA	20	NCTAMS	7

**Flag Football Championship
Nov. 22**

Nov. 22	NMCB-133	25	NAVSTA	13
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Final Post Season Standings

1st Place	NMCB-133 Running Roo's
2nd Place	NAVSTA

**Volleyball Post Season Tournament
Standings
Nov. 22, 2000**

Nov. 21	AMC vs. NSGA	NSGA(B)	15-9,15-2
Nov. 21	MSCF vs. HOSP	HOSP	15-8, 3-15,15-10
Nov. 21	NSGA(A) vs. NAVSTA	NSGA(A)	15-8,15-8
Nov. 21	HOSP vs. NSGA(B)	HOSP	15-7, 9-15,16-14
Nov. 22	NAVSTA vs. HOSP	NAVSTA	15-11, 15-7

**Volleyball Championship
Nov. 22, 2000**

Nov. 22	NAVSTA vs. NSGA(A)	NSGA(A)	15-9,13-15,15-7
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Final Post Season Standings

1st Place	NSGA(A)
2nd Place	NAVSTA
3rd Place	Hospital

Rota's Tiburones take top spot in European swim meet held here

Russ Sasso
Rota Tiburones

Rota's very own swim club hosted and won a European Forces Swim League tournament Saturday.

The Hohenfels, Germany "Hurricanes", the Stuttgart, Germany "Piranhas", and the Naples, Italy "Tiger Sharks" traveled to Spain to compete with the "Tiburones" in a field of 88 swimmers who ranged in age from five to 17 years.

The athletes competed in 28 different events vying for team points, personal awards, and qualification times needed to ensure each swimmer a place at EFSL Championship Meet held each year at the Olympic Stadium Pool in Munich, Germany.

Tiburones' Head Coach Jen Drzewiecki was tremen-



photo/PH1 (AW) Ron Heppner

Swimmers from Germany, Italy and Spain competed during the European Forces Swim League meet at the Industrial Pool. The Rota Tiburones hosted the event.

dously pleased with the overall results of the meet.

The Tiburones who competed in the meet posted personal best records, as a result of the hard work of the coaching staff and the dedi-

cation of the swimmers, said Drzewiecki.

The team tallied 75 Gold, 53 Silver, 18 Bronze Medals and added 20 fourth and 12 fifth place finishes on race day, while 14

"Tiburones" combined in posting 36 championship qualifying race times.

The team has one more opportunity to qualify when they travel to Heidelberg, Germany later this season.

Spanish-American Friendship Golf Tournament

Sign up for the Spanish-American Friendship golf tournament scheduled Saturday at 10 a.m. The tourney is open to all Spanish military, retirees, and civilians working on the base, as well as all authorized U.S. personnel. The format will be a 4-person scramble with a blind draw for teams, comprised of two Americans and two Spaniards. The cost is \$22, which includes greens fee, prizes and a post tournament BBQ. Call the golf course at ext. 2260 for more info.

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Aquatics Center Expands Hours

The Aquatics Center now has additional hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 – 7 p.m.

Athlete of the Year Nominations

MWR Athletics is now accepting nominations for Athlete of the Year at the Fitness Center. Packages are available for pick up and are due no later than Jan. 5, 2001. Call ext. 2565.

Flag Football Late Registration

Late registration for MWR Youth Sports Flag Football lasts until Dec. 2 at the Youth Center. Boys and girls ages 7 – 13 may participate, and volunteers are also needed. The season begins Dec. 2. Call ext. 2382.

Baseball Camp

A three-day Baseball Camp is set for Dec. 27 to 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Youth Sports Complex. Cost is \$30 per child, which includes lunch and training. There is a reduced fee for parents signing up more than one child. Pre-registration required. Payment due the first day of camp. Contact Shane Hiett at ext. 1676 or 815020 or shanehiett@usa.net. Tony Athans at ext. 3619/4201, or athanst@navsta.rota.navy.mil. Lia Timko at ext. 4552 or timkolD@navsta.rota.navy.mil.

Flag Football season lessons, round-up

Sports Commentary
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Sadly, flag football is over. Reserving jerseys, cleaning cleats and the ever-popular

trash talking is done for the year. To take a brief look back at the season, there are several lessons that can be learned.

First and foremost, in intramural sports, there are no movie stars.

There are no \$10 million-dollar players. No one is holding out on his or her contract for more money. These types of sports don't even have cheerleaders (ouch!)

The sports provided on base for DoD members are stress releasers. They're another way to enjoy your tour.

So why do players 'flip out' at certain sports functions? It reminds them of simpler times where after school, you would run to practice and train with friends. For some, it's the only time in their life where they might have been a leader, or the man in charge.

Another lesson learned is one person cannot carry a team. They may be a contributing factor in their team's success, but to say, 'without a certain person playing, the team will lose,' is wrong. Teams, in any sport, must realize everybody plays a part, from the waterboy, to the quarterback.

Lesson three: Don't blame the referees. Let the referees send themselves on guilt trips if they make a bad call, or miss a penalty. These people, as mentioned earlier, are not getting paid the big bucks to do this tedious job.

Indeed, there have been some cases where missed calls costs the other team a game, a play, or a point, but will fussing about it change anything? No. The only thing that will change is the loss of voice from yelling and kicking garbage cans.

Okay, Okay, Okay, it's finally time to put the nail into the coffin,

and stop talking about flag football. It's time to go out with a bang. NSWU-10 learned that if you talk enough smack, the wrong person will hear it and use it as motivation. NSWU-10 lost to NMCB-133 Runnin-Roo's 64-12 (Goodness Gracious!)

AMC learned that maybe fixing airplanes may be their better quality than playing flag football as they lost to NAVSTA 14-7. NSGA learned that there are two halves to a football game so don't put all your apples in one basket. NSGA lost to the Running Roo's 27-26.

NCTAMS learned that being electrifying doesn't mean static electricity. NCTAMS lost to NAVSTA 20-7.

This would set up the big dance for NMCB-133 Running Roo's and NAVSTA. NAVSTA got rolled over throughout the game. The "People's JO", along with his fans, were expecting a better showing for NAVSTA, but you never get everything you want for the holiday season. NAVSTA had a lot of dropped passes in the first half, but had several chances to stop the Running Roo's.

So how do you cook a Running Roo? Well, the first lesson is to learn how to catch the Running Roo's in order to cook it. NAVSTA failed that lesson, thus losing to the Running Roo's 25-13.

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ET3 William Sims, Running Roos, finds room to run up the sideline during the Roo's 25-13 romp over NAVSTA for the Naval Station Flag Football Captains Cup Championship.

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5K Turkey Trot

Rebekah Gans was the first woman to cross the finish line during the Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 23 with a time of 22:13. Prizes of poultry and swine were awarded to the top three finishers in each category. First place winners walked away with turkeys, second place winners took home hams, and third placers carried away chickens.

The Bowl controversies: Is Miami getting the shaft?

Only in America can you find a holiday that celebrates the act of gorging yourself. Last Thursday my wife and I got invited over for Thanksgiving dinner by some friends. I ended up eating so much that I skipped the "loosen belt" stage and went straight to "remove pants". (Note to self: never do *that* again). Let's roll...

So Let's talk BCS. Specifically, let's answer the question of whether Miami is getting screwed or not.

First of all, this conversation is way premature until OU plays K-State in the Big 12 championship game. Nevertheless, for the sake of discussion, let's take a look at who's better, Florida State or Miami. On paper, they are *very* close (although I give a slight edge to FSU).

Strength of Schedule (non-conference): Both Miami and FSU scheduled two creampuffs each. The Hurricanes got to kick around McNeese State and Louisiana Tech while the Seminoles got spoon-fed Louisville and BYU.

Both schools also had two legitimate non-conference opponents. Besides the game they played with each other, Miami elected to travel to Washington and FSU got the Gators at home. The difference here is that FSU took down Florida and Miami lost to the Huskies.

Strength of Schedule (conference): Though both the Big East and the ACC each had six bowl-eligible teams, few would argue the superiority of the Big East. If given the choice, I'd rather play Virginia Tech, Syracuse & Pittsburgh than Georgia Tech, NC State and Clemson. Still, like I said, it *is* very close.

Big Wins: Head-to-head notwithstanding, Miami beat one ranked team (#2 Virginia Tech at home) and lost to one ranked team (#15 Washington on the road). By contrast, Florida State took down four ranked opponents (#10 Clemson & #4 Florida at home, #18 Georgia Tech & #22 NC State on the road).

Final Record: Florida State had eleven wins and one loss. Miami had ten wins and one loss.

Head-to-Head: This is why everyone is crying. Miami beat Florida State. Straight up. On the field. Fair and square. This is certifiable proof that The 'Canes are better and should therefore be ranked higher. Right? Not so fast. If you move Miami past FSU (up to #2) in the BCS, what do ya do with Washington? The #4 Huskies are sitting *behind* Miami despite beating Miami on the field. If you go strictly by head-to-head, Washington should be ranked higher than Miami. And if you want to stretch this out, Oregon should be

ranked ahead of Washington since the Ducks beat the Huskies. And Oregon State should be ranked higher than the Ducks because OSU beat Oregon. And so on, and so on... Additionally, The FSU/Miami game was tight and it was played in Miami. Does any-

one here think the same thing would've happened in Tallahassee? I'm not so sure the Hurricanes could even stay within two touchdowns in Tallahassee.

In light of all this -although I'm not saying it's entirely fair- Florida State had a better season on paper and deserves the Orange Bowl birth. Yeah, yeah I know. Who cares about "on paper"? Well, I'll tell ya who cares. The eventual National Champion. That's because the National Championship of college football has *always* been determined on paper and *never* been decided on the field.

Sure, we've had scenarios in which #1 and #2 ended up playing on New Year's Day for the title, but I never considered this a true play-off. The reason is simple. The rankings are completely subjective. Teams don't play themselves into a good ranking. They are handed rankings at the beginning of the sea-

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son and everything else grows from there. Do we all understand how completely unfair this is?

The big boys like FSU, Michigan, Alabama, and Notre Dame are always given the benefit of the doubt and dropped right into the season at or near the top or the rankings. The lesser known contenders (I'm thinking East Carolina in '97 or Virginia Tech last year) have to spend all season trying to climb high enough for major bowl consideration.

It's the difference between a General standing at the bottom of the gorge screaming "Take that Hill!" and a General dropped off at the top screaming "Defend this Hill! Defend this Hill!". One is a heckuva lot easier.

Anywho, like I said before, this talk is premature until K-State loses to OU. If that doesn't happen, Miami and Florida State will meet again in the Orange Bowl and all this talk becomes a whole lot cheaper. See ya next week...

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